

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 48

15 November 1949

1. The following were present:

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| Dr. Appleton | State |
| Mr. Lydman | State |
| Lt. Col. Ruwet | Army |
| Dr. Debevoise | Army |
| Cdr. Howell | Navy |
| Lt. Cdr. Nutt | Navy |
| Lt. Col. Wade | Air Force |
| Maj. Belongia | Air Force |

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2. The Chairman read to the Committee a copy of the reply of the Director of Intelligence, Army, to a memorandum of the Director of Central Intelligence, dated 21 September 1949. This memorandum inquired about the effect which recent cuts in personnel and appropriations would have upon Army's capabilities to discharge its responsibilities under the NIS Program. The reply was substantially as follows:

a. Department of the Army's capabilities for contributing to all NIS chapters, except Chapter IV (Sociological) are approximately the equivalent of eight (8) per fiscal year.

b. Department of the Army's capabilities for producing Section 45 (Public Health and Sanitation) of Chapter IV are approximately four (4) per fiscal year.

c. Because of the limited resources which the Department of the Army can now devote to the basic intelligence effort, including as it does a vigorous collection program, a production program, and a maintenance program, it will be necessary for the Department to confine its future activities in this field to the following areas: Europe, USSR, Near and Middle East (including the Indian subcontinent), China, North Africa, Iceland, and Greenland.

d. In view of the above, it is recommended that:

(1) Future NIS schedules be drawn up to accomplish approximately the equivalent of eight Chapters I, II, III, VI, VII, VIII, and IX and four Chapters IV each

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year. (The Army representative on the NIS Committee will submit a proposed revision of the current schedule for Fiscal Year 1950 in accordance with this recommendation.)

(2) Geographic coverage of the NIS Program be restricted, for the time being, to the areas listed in Paragraph 2c above.

In view of Army's reduced capabilities, the Committee noted that it will be necessary to revise the NIS Production Schedule for Fiscal Year 1950. This cannot be done, however, until the Joint Staff have indicated whether or not there are any changes in the JCS requirements for NIS or in the JCS Priority List. The Committee assumes from Paragraph 5 of the aforementioned DCI memorandum that the JCS position will shortly be requested by DCI.

3. The Chairman raised the question of reducing the reserve stock of published elements of NIS. He said that the size of the reserve stock to be maintained in peacetime is predicated upon the following principles:

a. It is not feasible in peacetime to maintain a reserve stock which will be large enough to satisfy wartime requirements.

b. The peacetime reserve stock must be large enough to satisfy normal expansion of peacetime requirements without the necessity of resorting to reprinting.

In accordance with the above-stated principles, but without a clear-cut basis for determination of the figure, the reserve stock was originally set at 150 bound sets and an average of at least fifty (50) unbound copies each of individual chapters and supplements, these latter being intended primarily to meet requirements of non-IAC Agencies. However, the net result of changes in requirements since the original fixing of the reserve stock has been an increase to 206 bound sets (no appreciable change in unbound chapters and supplements). While this number does not give rise to critical storage and file maintenance problems at present, it may do so at a later date. Hence, it was proposed that the reserve stock of 206 bound sets be reduced to 106. The Committee considered the figure adequate for all probable peacetime requirements and concurred in the proposal.

4. In compliance with Committee request made at its last meeting, the Chairman read to the Committee a copy of a memorandum, dated 13 December 1948, regarding CIA Situation Reports, from the Director of Central Intelligence to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Research and Intelligence.

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Copies of this memorandum were sent to the members of the IAC Standing Committee. The substance of the memorandum is as follows:

a. CIA agrees that production of S/R's should not be continued after NIS are published and that production of S/R's should not interfere with NIS production.

b. Since some time will elapse before NIS are available, the S/R Program should be allowed to taper off rather than be summarily abandoned. Some of the S/R's at the end of the list with the ORE Status Report, 1 December 1948, will probably not be produced but many of the others should be completed, as they will serve a useful purpose.

c. If IAC Department contributions to S/R's cannot be compiled without interfering with the NIS Program, CIA should prepare the drafts thereof and the IAC Departments merely comment on those sections of primary interest.

d. These arrangements can be made by competent working groups and most of the S/R series may receive low priorities.

The following S/R's have been added to the 1 December 1948 list:

| <u>NO.</u> | <u>AREA</u> |
|------------|--------------------------|
| 53 | - Costa Rica |
| 54 | - Haiti |
| 46 | - Guatemala |
| 50 | - Union of South Africa |
| 51 | - Rhodesia and Nyasaland |
| 52 | - Mozambique and Angola |
| 62 | - Cyprus |

IAC members pointed out that, although their agencies are requested only to comment on S/R manuscripts, preparation of this comment requires a considerable expenditure of effort, to the detriment of the NIS Program. It was left to the individual members to bring the DCI memorandum to the attention of the chiefs of their agencies and inform their chiefs of the actual situation regarding S/R's.

5. A revision of "General Instructions" (new title: "Nature, Purpose, and Scope of the National Intelligence Survey Program"), Standard Instructions for National Intelligence Survey, was unanimously approved.

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6. The Chairman presented a D/Ba preliminary estimate of the physical size of one complete set of the 103 NIS. The procedure used in making the estimate was as follows:

a. The 103 NIS Areas were divided into five categories. Areas for which the NIS will probably bulk largest were placed in Category I, the next largest in Category II, and so on to Category V. While it is recognized that there will be variations in size within categories, it is believed that these variations will not be so great as to invalidate category treatment.

b. The probable bulk of one complete NIS in each category was then estimated. This was done by determining the actual bulk of all material in D/Ba, both in draft and in finished form, and filling gaps by pure estimates. The bases for these estimates were actual publications (e.g., JANIS, SID-USSR, NIS-Turkey /Tentative/) wherever practicable. It was assumed that the thickness of a volume (including covers) will be $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".

c. Although the final gazetteers will be in printed form and so less bulky than the preliminary gazetteers now being published, the latter were used as the basis for the gazetteer estimate. It was estimated that the preliminary gazetteers for 103 NIS Areas will comprise the equivalent of twenty-five (25) volumes each $2\frac{1}{2}$ " thick.

d. It was estimated, according to the above-outlined procedure, that the total number of volumes for 103 complete (i.e., omitting no elements and allowing for no condensations in any) NIS will be 525 and that the total displacement thereof will be 160.49 cubic feet. The total number of volumes by category is as follows:


| <u>Category</u> | <u>No. of NIS Areas</u> | <u>Volumes per NIS</u> | <u>Total Volumes</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| I | 2 | 14 | 28 |
| II | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| III | 12 | 7 | 84 |
| IV | 38 | 6 | 228 |
| V | 50 | 3 | 150 |
| Gazetteers | | | <u>25</u> |
| | | Total | - 525 |

e. In view of the fact that a number of NIS will have elements omitted, condensed, or both, it is considered that a reduction of 15% in the above over-all figures represents a conservative allowance


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for rendering the estimate more realistic. Appliance of this reduction gives a figure of 447 for the total number of volumes and of 136.64 cubic feet for total displacement.

7. The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for 1000 hours, Tuesday, 22 November 1949, at CIA.

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